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Although no lives were lost in the actions of the Microsoft corporation, I feel that they have flown in the face of legality, ethical business behavior, and quality of workmanship for far too long.

Allowing this company to continue to control how the people in our market, and in the greater world, access information is dangerous, both for the immediate business environment and the longer term information economy. We are still dealing with the decisions made ages ago, when Roman engineers build roads to accommodate two horses pulling a two-wheeled chariot, in the sizes of our cars and space shuttle booster motors (which must be transported by rail, which is based on those same measurements).

The stage is set for us to establish an open environment, where ideas and information can flow free from corporate control - this is the fertile environment from which innovation comes, not from the domination of a single corporate entity.

Please don't allow this settlement to take place with only a token nod that Microsoft has strayed from the path of ethical behavior. Definitely don't allow them to propagate uncontrollably by giving schools their over-valued software and hardware resources - that will only breed a higher degree of market domination, no matter how nice it may seem that they would give things to children. Hold to the intention of this legal action, and remove their ability to subjugate smaller companies to their clearly greedy intentions.

Thank you for your time.
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